

Amendment Review

**Bill of Rights through
the 27th Amendment**

What is the Bill of Rights?

First ten amendments to the Constitution which guarantee personal freedoms .

Why were the Bill of Rights originally added to the Constitution?

**To ease the
Anti-federalists'**

**concerns about the power of the
Federal government by
guaranteeing personal freedoms.**

What are some specific freedoms protected in the Bill of Rights?

First Amendment...

**speech, press, religion,
petition & assembly**

What are some other freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights?

Due Process (equal treatment under the law)

Right to bear arms

fair trial

unwarranted search and seizure

double jeopardy

protection from cruel and unusual

punishment

Bill of Rights

List some historical conditions that led to the Bill of Rights being added to the Constitution

1. To help secure support for the Constitution

The Anti-federalists were
concerned about the
government denying
people their rights

**2. To make sure the
problems created by
Great Britain were not
repeated by the new
government....
(examples)**

First amendment

**Religion - Puritans , Quakers
and others came here because
they desired a place to worship
without the influence of the
government. 1st amendment to
make sure they would continue to
have that freedom**

2nd Amendment

Right to Bear Arms

**What were the historical
circumstances that led to this?**

Declaration of

Independence

**stated people had the right
to rebel against a cruel
government, but they also
needed the means
(weapons) to be able to
rebel.**

3rd Amendment

No quartering of troops

**This is what Great
Britain did to the
colonists**

4th Amendment

**Protects against
unwarranted search and
seizure**

**Also an abuse by the
British during the colonial
era**

5th Amendment

Due process, double
jeopardy...when
arrested

**What were some historical
reasons for putting this in?**

**During the colonial era
Americans were often
arrested and not given
proper treatment by the
British. Wanted to make
sure the new government
could not do this.**

**What are some
amendments that
influenced Civil
Rights
since 1790?**

Voting rights amendments and...

**13th Amendment -
ended slavery**

**14th - equal rights
for blacks under the
Constitution**

**What historic conditions
led to the passage of the
13th Amendment?**

**Civil War ended and South
defeated and Lincoln's
Emancipation Proclamation**

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 14th Amendment?

Civil War ended and Republicans in Congress wanted to give blacks more rights and a previous Supreme Court case needed to be “undone...”

**The Dred Scot case
stated that blacks were
property and without
rights under the
Constitution.**

What amendments affected the Presidency?

(Be aware of these, but not used

**12th - separate ballots for President and
V.P.**

**20th - exact times of entering and exiting
office.)**

Others...

22nd Presidential terms

**President can only serve
two terms**

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 22nd Amendment?

Franklin Roosevelt was elected four times ('32, '36, '40 and '44)

What two crisis in American history led to his being re-elected three times?

**Great
Depression and
World War II**

**What other
amendment
affected the
Presidency?**

25th Succession of the President

**allows the Vice President
the ability to take office
if the President is
disabled**

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 22nd Amendment?

When President Kennedy was assassinated, he did not die immediately. This made people realize there could be a problem if a president is incapacitated but still alive. Therefore, this amendment was added to the Constitution.

**What amendments
deal with taxation?**

16th Amendment

Income tax

24th Amendment

Poll Tax eliminated

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 16th Amendment?

During the Progressive Era there were many reforms to improve society. One was a tax that was fairer because it was based on a person's ability to pay.

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 24th Amendment?

During the 1960's this amendment was past as part of President

Johnson's plan to end racial injustice and poverty (This plan was called the Great Society).

**What
amendments have
influenced our
representative
government?**

**Those that increased
those who could vote**

15th - black men

19th - women

26th - 18 to 21 year olds

**What
amendments were
designed to limit
the abuses of
government.**

**1st amendment - speech press
religion petition and assembly**

2nd Amendment - right to bear arms

3rd - government can not quarter

**4th- troops in citizens' homes
protects against unwarranted
search and seizure**

5th - rights when arrested

6th - fair trial

The End